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1. THE FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REQUESTED IN REFTEL:

2. FELIPE LOPEZ CABALLERO (SON OF PRESIDENT LOPEZ) WAS BORN IN BOGOTA ON 11/10/47. HE COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL AT THE "LICEO FRANCES" IN 1964, OBTAINED A DIPLOMA IN GERMAN FROM THE GOETHE INSTITUTE IN GERMANY IN 1965, AND GRADUATED IN ECONOMICS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON IN 1969. FROM 1970 TO 1972 HE SERVED AS SECOND SECRETARY OF THE COLOMBIA

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EMBASSY IN LONDON AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION. IN 1973 AND 1974 HE STUDIED AT "IMEDE" IN LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND, AND RECEIVED A MASTER IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. FELIPE PRESENTLY SERVES AS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT.

3. PILAR CASTANO DE LOPEZ (WIFE OF FELIPE LOPEZ) WAS BORN IN BOGOTA ON JUNE 30 1952. SHE ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL IN BOGOTA AND ROME AND BRIEFLY

STUDIED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE ANDES IN BOGOTA. IN 1973 AND 1974 SHE

STUDIED FINE ARTS AT THE SORBONNE IN PARIS. PRESENTLY SHE IS A FASHION

DESIGNER AND OWNS A YOUTH CLOTHING SHOP. SHE IS ALSO THE YOUTH FASHION

COLUMNIST FOR HER MOTHER'S WOMEN'S MAGAZINE, "LAURA"

4. ALFONSO LOPEZ CABALLERO (SON OF PRESIDENT LOPEZ) WAS BORN IN UNCLASSIFIED

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BOGOTA ON AUGUST 17, 1944. AFTER COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL IN BOGOTA

HE STUDIED ECONOMICS AT GEORGETOWN IN WASHINGTON. FROM 1963 TO 1967 HE TAUGHT ECONOMICS AT THE JORGE TADEO LOZANO UNIVERSITY IN BOGOTA AND FROM 1967 TO 1969 HE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CREDIT ANALYSIS AT THE FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK IN BOGOTA. IN 1970 AND 1971 HE STUDIED AT THE FONTAINBLEAU UNIVERSITY IN FRANCE AND RECEIVED A MASTERS IN ADMINISTRATION AND COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES. IN 1972 AND 1973 HE WAS A BUSINESS CONSULTANT FOR ARTHUR YOUNG AND COMPANY AND FROM 1973 TO 1975 HE SERVED AS A DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL COFFEE GROWERS FEDERATION IN NEW YORK.

5. JOSEFINA ANDREW DE LOPEZ (WIFE OF ALFONSO LOPEZ CABALLERO) WAS BORN IN CARACAS ON NOV 18, 1945. SHE STUDIED HUMANITIES FOR TWO YEARS AT GEORGETOWN IN WASHINGTON, FINE ARTS FOR TWO YEARS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE AN # PS#IN BOGOTA, AND PHILOSOPHY AND LETTERS AT THE SAINT THOMAS UNIVERSITY IN BOGOTA.

6. LOUISE NICHOLS DE BOTERO (WIFE OF FINANCE MINISTER BOTERO) IS A U.S. CITIZEN WHO WAS BORN IN MASSACHUSETTS. SHE GRADUATED FROM WELLESLEY COLLEGE WITH A DEGREE IN ENGLISH LITERATURE AND LATER ATTENDED THE JULLIARD SCHOOL OF MUSIC. SHE IS AN EXPERT IN BARROQUE AND RENAISSANCE MUSIC AND PRESENTLY CONDUCTS AN ANTIQUE MUSIC GROUP CALLED "HAUSMUSIC". SHE AND MINISTER BOTERO HAVE TWO BOYS, 17 AND 12 YEARS OLD, AND ONE GIRL, 2 YEARS OLD.

7. MAGDA BOTERO DE RAMIREZ (WIFE OF MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT, RAMIREZ) WAS BORN IN BARRANQUILLA. SHE STUDIED ART HISTORY AT WILLIAMS COLLEGE IN MASSACHUSETTS AND ART AND DECORATION IN LONDON. SHE PRESENTLY DEVOTES HER TIME TO AN ORGANIZATION WHICH ASSISTS ABANDONED GIRLS. SHE AND MINISTER RAMIREZ HAVE A GIRL, 10, AND A BOY 6.

8. SARA ABELLO DE PARDO BEULVAS (WIFE OF MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, PARDO) WAS BORN IN BARRANQUILLA. SHE COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL IN BARRANQUILLA AND STUDIED JOURNALISM FOR TWO YEARS AT THE JAVIERIANA UNIVERSITY IN BOGOTA. SHE ALSO WORKS WITH THE ORGANIZATION THAT ASSISTS ABANDONED GIRLS. SHE AND MINISTER PARDO HAVE ONE BOY, 14 AND THREE GIRLS, 13, 10 AND 2.

9. MARIA DEL SOCORRO MERLANO DE SALCEDO (WIFE OF MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS, SALCEDO) WAS BORN IN THE NORTHERN DEPARTMENT (STATE) OF UNCLASSIFIED

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BOLIVAR. SHE COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL IN BARRANQUILLA AND LATER STUDIED PSYCHOLOGY AND PAINTING IN BOGOTA. IN 1956 SHE WAS COFFEE QUEEN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATLANTICO. SHE AND MINISTER SALCEDO HAVE ONE BOY 17 AND ONE GIRL 14.

10. LUZ MARINA BOTERO DE PRIETO (WIFE OF MAYOR OF BOGOTA, PRIETO) IS THE MAYOR'S SECOND WIFE AND LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT HER. THE MAYOR'S FIRST WIFE AND ELDEST SON WERE KILLED IN A PLANE CRASH IN 1971.

11. EMMA VALLI DE CARVAJAL (WIFE OF MAYOR OF CALI, CARVAJAL) WAS BORN FEB 1938 IN CALI. SHE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF MANIZALES IN 1956. HER INTERESTS CENTER ON SOCIAL WORK. SHE HAS SERVED FOR MANY YEARS AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF AN ORPHANAGE FOR GIRLS AND HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH A LOCAL INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND. SHE AND THE MAYOR HAVE THREE BOYS, 15, 14, AND 10.
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